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SUBJECT: SUZANNE MASSIE VISA

REF: MATLOCK- DUBS LETTER OF MAY 9 AND NALLE- MATLOCK LETTER
OF MAY 16

1. MRS. FOSDICK OF SENATOR JACKSON' S OFFICE HAS AGAIN
RAISED QUESTION OF MASSIE VISA WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
STOESSEL, INDICATING VAGUELY THAT THERE ARE SOME SIGNS THAT
THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE LOOKING ON IT MORE FAVORABLY.
 2. DEPTOFF SPOKE WITH MRS. MASSIE ON JULY 3 AND FOUND
THAT SHE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGE IN SOVIET ATTITUDE. MRS.
MASSIE SAID SHE AND HUSBAND LEAVING IN A FEW DAYS FOR
SEVERAL MONTHS IN FRANCE WHERE THEY WILL BE WORKING ON A
NEW BOOK. SHE REMAINS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SOVIET VISA
AND INTENDS TO KEEP UP HER CAMPAIGN BY WHATEVER LEGITIMATE
MEANS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING THE SUPPORT OF SEVERAL INFLUEN-
TIAL FRIENDS AND SENATORS. AT THE SAME TIME SHE EXPRESSED
DEEP APPRECIATION FOR DEPARTMENT' S AND EMBASSY' S EFFORTS
ON HER BEHALF. SHE REQUESTED THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY
CONTINUE TO PURSUE HER CASE AS BEST THEY CAN AND SHE
EMPHASIZED THAT SHE CONSIDERS HER EARLY MAY VISA APPLICATION
OPEN AND PENDING SINCE SHE HAS NEVER BEEN FORMALLY NOTIFIED
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OF A REFUSAL AND SHE IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET UNION ON SHORT NOTICE FROM FRANCE IF THE VISA COMES THROUGH.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE UP CASE WITH SOVIET EMBASSY AND REQUESTS EMBASSY TO DO SAME IN MOSCOW WITH MINCULTURE OR MFA AS EMBASSY DEEMS MOST APPROPRIATE. POSITION WE WILL TAKE IS THAT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR MANY INFLUENTIAL AMERICAN CULTURAL FIGURES AND SENATORS TO UNDERSTAND HOW A PERSON OF MRS. MASSIE' S REPUTATION AND KNOWN INTEREST IN PROMOTING RUSSIAN AND SOVIET CULTURE CAN BE DENIED A SOVIET VISA IN A PERIOD OF SOVIET- AMERICAN DETENTE. IT CLEARLY SEEMS OUT OF KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES. IF SOVIET OFFICIALS REFER TO THE STRIPPING AND SEARCHING OF MRS. MASSIE UPON HER DEPARTURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN 1972, WE WILL POINT OUT THAT WE CONSIDERED THAT ACTION UNJUSTIFIED AND OUTRAGEOUS AND PROTESTED IT AT THE TIME. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT POLICE MAKE MISTAKES ON OCCASION AND A GOOD WAY TO CORRECT THIS ONE WOULD BE TO ISSUE MRS. MASSIE A VISA. RUSH

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